

Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

Purity of thought evolves purity of action.

Still, a pure-food law might have saved Socrates.

Russia, fortunately, has a perfect climate for nipping conspiracies.

Even the challenges by Sir Thomas Lipton have not yet become automatic.

All true patriots should give Admiral Evans absent treatment for his rheumatism.

If tough luck is the inspiration for Mark Twain, misfortune has points of merit worth high praise.

Pardon the apparent irrelevancy of the query, but is not a mosquito also a purveyor of living music?

The bargain counter crushes the trade depression look like a nightmare that met its death in infancy.

Spain is to have a new \$80,000,000 navy, to be built in England. Under the circumstances, we could hardly expect part of the order.

The New York wigmakers appear to have won their strike without making any threats that they would jerk the entire population bald-headed.

A French army transport has run ashore. The army naturally doesn't intend to let the navy get the better of it in the matter of disarmament.

That woman defendant who threw ancient eggs at the judge probably was surprised when even that act was not accepted as proof of her innocence.

If it is not thought wise to create a new cabinet officer why not make the proposed national health bureau a department under the secretary of the interior?

Bibulous Georgians will now have to devise new methods of getting it when they want it. Bibulous necessity knows no law, and is the mother of invention.

When it comes to preparing to begin to make ready to send a challenge, Sir Thomas Lipton has our most distinguished prize fighters hanging on the ropes.

Probably it required millions of years to produce the potato bug, useless, and worse than useless, as it seems to be. Science is wonderful, but discouraging.

An automobile seems to be easy prey for a snake bite. The more like a tramp the driver looks the more are observers inclined to think he is the millionaire owner.

And still another iconoclast charges that Washington did not write his justly famous farewell address. It now remains to demonstrate that George was a myth anyhow.

Mark Twain is said to have had \$51,199 in one of the New York banks which shut up during the panic. If so, this will furnish an interesting chapter in his autobiography.

The pure-food experts of Pennsylvania have tested 83 breakfast foods. All the heroes, ready and willing to die for their country, are not confined to the army and navy.

King Oscar of Sweden left an estate of only six and a quarter millions. Some of his former subjects now in the United States must have beaten him 40 lengths.

Nevertheless, it must be admitted that three or four of the American heiresses who bought titled husbands are still living with them. But they are supposed to be exceptionally hardy.

As an Alabama senator explains it, the south is going "dry" in order to keep liquor from the colored man. Then will there or will there not be a color line when it comes to enforcement?

A butler with \$17,000 worth of diamonds in his possession has been arrested in the east. If he can prove that at some former time he was a head waiter somewhere, it's a cinch he'll get off.

A New York juror threw a fit the other day during a court trial. New York lawyers are the limit, but this is the first time a juror has had the courage to express his opinion of them in an adequate manner.

The Prince de Sagan says he would have challenged Count Boni de Castellane to fight a duel if the count had struck him with his glove in the face. As Boni merely knocked him down and kicked him into the gutter, the prince considers the count to be unworthy of notice. We cannot help regarding the prince as the world's leading unconscious humorist.

Burglars are prowling around promiscuously at all hours of the night, seemingly not the least bit afraid that they will meet up with leap-year proposals when they are looking only for jewelry. There are various ways of making a living in this diversified world, but some occupations appear to be extra hazardous. The sedate and bachelor burglar would feel cheap if instead of being hauled to the police station he were ignominiously dragged at break of day to the marriage license window and made to pass the civil service examination there provided.

A chair pusher in Atlantic City found \$400 and got a reward of 12 cents for returning it to its owner. Next time he should find \$1,000, as that might bring him as much as 25 cents and make the adventure worth while.

Editor Harden of Berlin said he was responsible for what he wrote, but not for the interpretation other people placed upon his writings. A good editor generally takes care that what he writes can have only one interpretation.

GUARDING POWDER

U. S. NAVAL MAGAZINE AT IONA ISLAND THREATENED.

MARINES WATCH EVERY APPROACH

Letter Foreboding Blowing Up of Over Three Million Pounds of Explosives Is Received.

New York—In a letter signed "Black Hand" and addressed to Commander Brausmeyer, in charge of the United States naval magazine at Iona Island, the threat is made that the enormous stores of smokeless powder on the island will be blown up unless the married men discharged from employment on the island Jan. 1, 1908, be put back to work at once. There are 3,000,000 pounds of smokeless powder and other explosives stored in the numerous magazines.

Secret service men are working to discover the identity of the writer of the letter. Printed by hand, the letter was mailed at the Haverstraw postoffice two weeks ago. It was as follows:

"If the married men that were discharged from Iona Island are, not taken back again at once, all the magazines on the island will be blown up. The writer does not fear death."

(Signed) "Black Hand."

On Jan. 1 between 30 and 40 men, civilians, who had been employed on the island, were discharged owing to delay in forwarding funds from Washington to continue work. This delay was looked upon at the time as temporary and it was understood the men would be taken back as soon as the money arrived.

Among the men discharged, most of whom were laborers, were many Italians and Sicilians.

Since the receipt of the letter every approach to the island has been guarded day and night by marines. It is said, and the civilians employed have been kept under the strict surveillance.

Iona Island is seven miles south of West Point.

WILL USE MORE OPERATORS.

Rock Island and Santa Fe Will Increase Their Wire Force.

Topeka, Kas.—Both the Rock Island and the Santa Fe railroads will increase their force of operators to comply with the new federal nine-hour law. At a meeting of Rock Island superintendents here it was decided to increase the operators in this, the Southern, district by 56. Approval of this action has been received from Chicago. The superintendents of the eastern grand division of the Santa Fe met last week and decided on an increase and are now working to learn the number of new men allowed by the officials in Chicago. Officials here declare none of the smaller stations will be closed.

KILLED FATHER; FINED \$500.

Linn (Mo.) Son Used Gun Barrel When Family Was Attacked.

Linn, Mo.—Julius Klebba, who killed his father, Bernard Klebba, last August, was tried and convicted in the circuit court and the jury, after deliberating five hours, assessed a fine of \$500. The facts in the case developed that the elder Klebba was on a protracted spree, and at such times was very quarrelsome, and often threatened the lives of his son and family. He attacked his son with a club and, being hard pressed, the son seized a gun barrel and killed his father.

German Is Stillman Lecturer.

New Haven, Conn.—The Yale corporation has appointed to the Stillman lectureship for next year, Prof. Albrecht F. K. Penck, professor of geography in the University of Berlin, Prussia. This is the most important Yale lectureship of the year, endowed with about \$85,000, the income of which goes to the incumbent of the year.

Burglars Greeted with Shot.

Paris, Tex.—When burglars entered the store of Floyd & Mauldin at Hugo, they found the proprietor armed with a shotgun waiting. They were told to surrender, and failing to obey, the store owner fired, wounding two. One of the burglars was a resident of Rouen.

Crows Swarm Cemetery.

Milan, Tenn.—The superstitious are predicting some disaster because thousands of crows have made the city cemetery their home. So thick are the crows that several limbs have been broken from the trees by the birds' weight.

Stork Makes Court Visit.

Bristol, Tenn.—As a result of a visit of the stork of Chancellor Hal H. Haynes, no court was held for a week.

Hatfield Dies of Exposure.

Louis, Ky.—Tom Hatfield, who was caught by feud enemies in the mountains along Trig river, in West Virginia, two weeks ago, bound to a tree and left to die of exposure, and who was found by a traveler and brought here, is dead.

Metal Workers Organized.

Galveston, Tex.—The Texas State Master Sheet Metal Workers' Association has been organized here. San Antonio was selected as the place for the first annual convention.

Whalers Sail for the North.

San Francisco—The Arctic whaling fleet, consisting of seven steam vessels, is fitting out for a cruise in Behring sea and beyond Point Barrow. The first of them got away last week. Several other vessels will follow within a few days.

Watch for Sunbeam Evangelist.

Bridgeton, N. J.—Miss Naomi Seitzinger of Philadelphia, the "sunbeam evangelist," who has just finished her work here, was presented with a gold watch.

A FRENCH JOURNALIST INTERVIEWS MR. MORGAN AND GIVES HIS IMPRESSIONS.

[By McCutcheon, in Chicago Daily Tribune.]



BOY ROASTED ALIVE

ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE HORRIFIED.

VICTIM'S EARS DROP OFF

Parents Tell of Brusque Refusal of Charities Board Head to Investigate.

Chicago, Ill.—Members of the legislative investigating committee gasped at the story of the injuries caused by Frank R. Giroux, the 17-year-old epileptic, burned last December in the Lincoln Home for Incurable Children, as related at Wednesday's session.

President Moulton of the State Civil Service Board was accused by Dr. Frank W. Lambden, surgeon of the German Hospital, with treating him (the Doctor) to a "course of sprouts" because he refused to shape his answers to favor the institution.

Parents of Boy Testify.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben M. Giroux, parents of the boy, told the committee of the injuries the boy sustained, the attempts of the attendants to conceal the facts and the brusque treatment they received at the hands of officials. Giroux testified that when he telephoned Dr. Frank G. Billings, President of the State Board of Charities, and asked him to investigate the case, Dr. Billings exclaimed: "I have no time to run around looking at children."

Giroux explained the circumstances and repeated the request. He says he repeated his first remark, prefacing it with "I can't help that." He declares Dr. Billings hung up the receiver when he tried to tell more about the case.

Boy Roasted Alive.

Dr. Lambden testified the lad was "not burned, but roasted alive." Twenty square inches of flesh was cooked to the "second degree," he said. "One side of the lad's face, his throat and his ear were baked, and his ear dropped off. The backs of his hands were burned," the witness declared.

Although 92 days have elapsed and the boy's parents and relatives first supplied skin from their own bodies for grafting, the wounds are still sloughing and have defeated all curative measures.

Mrs. Giroux's evidence was a series of sensational accusations. She declared she found "boys in the Lincoln Home like skeletons, bound and tied to posts, breathing horrible stenches, bedrooms that smelled worse than the stock yards."

Kansas Instructs for Bryan.

Hutchinson, Kas.—Kansas democrats in state convention here Friday morning unanimously adopted a resolution instructing delegates to the Denver convention, both state and congressional, to "cast a solid vote for the nomination of William J. Bryan for President of the United States."

Fourteen Killed in England.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, England—Fourteen out of 16 men at work in the Globe Colliery, in the village of Washington, were killed Friday by an explosion in the workings.

Nebraska Congressman Ill.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Representative E. H. Hinshaw of Nebraska, who was taken ill while returning from the funeral of Senator Latimer and taken to a sanitarium in this city, is somewhat better, though he will not be able to leave for Washington for several days.

20,000-Acre Ranch Is Sold.

Miles City, Mont.—The A. B. Clark ranch, one of the largest in Montana, comprising 20,700 acres, has been sold to W. H. Dye of Indianapolis.

Rescued Only to Be Killed.

Pittsburg—Saved from drowning after a terrible struggle in the icy water of the Monongahela river at Elizabeth, Pa., only to be run down and killed by a train on reaching shore was the fate of J. W. Draper and F. B. Garrett, two government employees at lock No. 3.

Physicians Are Kept Busy.

Midway, Ky.—Physicians are kept busy day and night in this community because of an epidemic of grip. So far there have been no deaths.

AOKI IS DISGRACED.

His Attitude on Immigration Considered Little Short of Treason.

Tokio—Upon the immigration companies' success in their campaign to stir up opposition to the proposed Japanese-American immigration agreement depends the continued existence of the present cabinet.

That a resolution of censure will be introduced in the diet seems certain, and, while its defeat is still probable, the margin will assuredly be so narrow that the government can not conceal its uneasiness.

The ministry is not disguising its anger at the attitude of former Ambassador Aoki, who is openly accused of lending countenance to the anti-agreement party. The government is said to have known for some time that Aoki has been friendly with the opposition leaders, and it is to this that the press is attributing the Mikado's failure to grant him a personal audience or to receive his personal report concerning doings in Washington during the closing days of his service there.

The snub is so marked that it can not be overlooked, but, considering the official position he held, the government plainly considers his present attitude as little short of treason to its interest, and no attempt is made to conceal the fact that his influence in official circles is over.

HARRIMAN WINS CONTEST.

Litigation Over Balance of Power in Voting Strength Decided.

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NEWS OF CONGRESS

DOINGS OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES AT WASHINGTON.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

Concise Report of Measures Introduced and What Action Is Taken on Them

Bill for Protecting Aliens.

Washington—A favorable report was offered Friday by the house committee on the judiciary on the bill for protecting aliens. The measure provides that if two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any person in the free exercise or enjoyment of any rights due him by the constitution or laws of the United States or because of his having exercised the same, they shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than ten years or both. Favorable action was taken at the request of the state department.

Filipinos May Study Military Tactics.

Washington—Seven Filipinos may receive instruction in the United States military academy, according to a bill passed by the senate Friday.

Bill to Increase Steerage Air Space.

Washington—A bill increasing the air space devoted to steerage passengers on ocean vessels, which has been favorably reported by the committee on immigration was Friday called up by Senator Lodge and passed by the senate. The act is to take effect Jan. 1, 1909.

Mr. Lodge, in explaining the bill, cited conditions of immigrants in relation to air space, showing that by this bill steerage passengers will have better accommodations in American vessels than those of any nation except Great Britain, which are about equal to those provided for by the bill.

Consul Bill Favorably Reported.

Washington—An official step toward the requirement by this government of grounds and buildings of the consulates at all insular points in China, Japan and Korea, excepting Mekden, Harbin, Dalmay and Tsingtau, was taken Friday when the house committee on foreign affairs voted to report favorably the Perkins bill appropriating \$1,373,643 for this purpose.

Give Deep Waterway Hearing.

Washington—The committee on rivers and harbors of the house gave a hearing on the bill introduced by Mr. Davey of Louisiana to provide for the construction and operation of a deep waterway between the cities of Chicago and St. Louis, James A. Seddon and Robert Gaylord, both of Chicago, spoke in favor of the bill. The measure authorizes the secretary of war to enter into contracts with the Joliet Power Co., the Ottawa Power Companies of Illinois and with the Baden Power Co. of Missouri for the construction and operation of combined waterway and power development in the Des Moines, the Illinois and the Mississippi rivers between Chicago and St. Louis. The government is to pay the whole cost of the work and for this purpose \$60,000,000 is appropriated, for which the secretary of the treasury is authorized to issue 2 percent bonds to run for a period of fifty years.

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State School Report Issued.

Jefferson City—The state superintendent of schools, Mr. Goss, has issued his first annual report. He believes that the country schools are most in need of help, and gives special attention to them. He advocates an efficient county superintendent, whose duty it will be to visit the schools, inspect the work, help to better organization, classification and grading of the work, encourage pupils to remain in school until graduation and promotion to high school.

Hungry Man Kills Self.

Aurora—William Beaver, aged 64 years, a teamster of this city, committed suicide by shooting himself. Upon an examination of conditions in his home, it was found that for many days the family had subsisted on bread and water. Starvation, it is alleged, was the cause of suicide. He left a wife and six children. The tragedy comes as a complete shock to the charity organizations and citizens of the city, who had no idea of the deplorable conditions.

Passenger Escapes Wrecking.

Sedalia—An attempt to derail an east-bound fast passenger train on the Missouri Pacific railroad, evidently for the purpose of robbery, was made at Ottaville, twenty miles east of here. A rail was removed. The bad place in the track was struck by an extra freight train from St. Louis. The freight was wrecked and Robert H. Johnson, engineer, Eugene Rugan, fireman, and Hugh Harvey, head brakeman, were seriously injured.

Shoots Former Employer.

Sedalia—Three shots were fired at J. W. Butters, proprietor of a local cafe, by a discharged employe. All the bullets went wild. Butters was called into an alley in the rear of his place of business by the former employe, who drew a revolver and fired after a quarrel in which a baker who worked in the cafe came to Butters' assistance.

Girl Ends Life with Rat Poison.

New Cambria—Miss Ora Mendenhall, daughter of Stephen Mendenhall, a well-to-do farmer of this vicinity, committed suicide at her home by taking rat poison. Miss Mendenhall had been grieving over the death of her brother, who was killed several months ago, while working on the railroad as brakeman.

Two Men Shot in Hotel.

Kansas City—James P. Hayes, agent of the Traders' Dispatch, with offices in the Board of Trade building in this city, and John O'Donnell, a well-known wholesale and retail cigar dealer, were shot and seriously wounded by J. D. Cosby, proprietor of the Cosby hotel, in the office of the hotel.

Former St. Louisian Dies.

Festus—John Nicholas Conn, 85 years old, died at his home, eight miles south of Festus. He was formerly in business in St. Louis and is survived by five children in St. Louis and is survived by five children, two of whom, Mrs. Jane Walsh and Mrs. Venie Grable, reside there now.

Brakeman Dies of Injuries.

Melva—F. M. McNamara, a brakeman on the White River railroad, was run over by a train here. Both legs were severed near the body. He was taken to Crane, but lived only a few hours. The body was taken to his home at Cotter, Ark. He leaves a wife and two children.

Gives Carbolic Acid to Father.

Kansas City—Collin Gibbons, 65 years old, fainted at his home here and Mrs. Laura Sharp, his daughter, seized a bottle of medicine and poured part of the contents down his throat to revive him. The medicine was carbolic acid. Gibbons died within half an hour.

Woman Adjudged Insane.

St. James—Judges Pinto and Smith of St. James and Daulsell of Rolla convened court to inquire into the sanity of Mrs. Pruett of Spring Creek township. She was adjudged insane and Sheriff Marling took her to Farmington asylum.

Man Asks \$15,000 for Eye.

Aurora—Walter P. Farrer has brought suit against the Frisco railroad in the Howell county circuit court for \$15,000 damages for the loss of his right eye. The accident occurred at Sapulpa, Okla., Nov. 2.

Veteran Business Man Dead.

St. Louis—George Wiegand, aged 74, president of the St. Louis Stamp Co., died at his home, 4937 Forest Park boulevard. He had been in business in St. Louis more than 40 years.

Frisco Brakeman Killed.

St. Louis—Fred Fuller, a brakeman of Newburg, Mo., slipped from the ice-coated platform of the Frisco station at Valley park, and slid under the wheels of a string of freight cars. Both his legs were cut off and his hands were mangled. He died an hour later.

Audrain Pioneer Dead.